

Kia ora

I trust you are well and you've had a smooth transition back to work. Lots to cover this month:

- Covid-19 - working at Level 2, and contact tracing
- Budget 2020: \$1.6b trade training package
- New members
- Apprentice Awards
- Architectural Aluminium Joinery qualification
- External Condensation on windows
- Licensed.nz
- Technical Update

This months video from me - butterflies, construction sector, and Association update:



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Covid-19 - working at Level 2

Yes, we did it! We're really pleased with the move to Level 2 that we were successful in getting a change to the rules about working within one metre of another person. We've provided an updated [guide](#) in the Member Only area of the website. REMINDER - that's where you can find all the guides and templates you need to operate under Covid-19. The key changes at level 2 are focused on:

- Physical distancing
- Interregional travel
- People on site
- Mental health

Physical distancing: The protocols specify that appropriate physical distancing is maintained when possible. In instances where work requires less than 1m physical distance for safety or ergonomic reasons, a risk assessment or Safe Work Method Statement (SWMS) should be undertaken to detail the extra controls to be used such as PPE, cleaning and disinfecting, and to record the instance of work and people involved.

Interregional travel: In accordance with Alert Level 2 rules, the protocols allow for more flexibility on interregional travel.

People on site: The protocols specify that visitors to sites such as clients, engineers, architects or auditors are allowed, but must comply with site requirements. They must follow site entry, induction, track and trace, hygiene and physical distancing requirements.

Mental health: To support the mental wellbeing of workers during these times, Mates in Construction mental health guidance for the sector has been incorporated directly into the protocols.

The protocols represent current best practice, and the expectation is all construction sector businesses and workers will apply them, and do the right thing. The protocols are a 'living document' and may be updated as best practice develops and we receive further industry feedback. The current version will always be available on the [CHASNZ website](#).

Covid-19 - contact tracing

I attended a webinar this week and was very surprised to hear Rob Fyfe talking so fervently about the importance of contact tracing and the importance of work bubbles. Don't expect any simple technology solution soon. Within a work context think about resilience, ie if one person contacted Covid-19 would that shut down your entire business - or just a portion.

Budget 2020: \$1.6b trade training package

Apprenticeships and vocational courses in "critical industries" will be made free over the next two years for everyone. Which industries are critical are yet to be defined, but Education Minister Chris Hipkins said: "It will include courses linked to industry skills needs, in building and construction, agriculture, and manufacturing, and also vocational courses like community health, counselling and care work. The fund will be available from July 1, 2020." Another \$412m over four years - \$103m a year - has been allocated to "support for employers to retain and keep training their apprentices". We've yet to see any details of what kind of support will be provided, but Australia has brought in a wage subsidy which covers 50 per cent of wages paid to apprentices and trainees from January to September, plus \$7000 for each apprentice every quarter for employers.

We're now working to make sure we are considered 'critical' and will give you more information as we progress.

New members

Welcome to:

- Prestige Windows, Auckland
 - Flex High Speed Doors, Auckland
 - Phil Glass & Aluminum, Auckland
 - North Glass, Mangawhai Heads
 - Fairview Thames (change of ownership)
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Apprentice Awards

Entries close soon - 29th May. The four awards are:

1. Most Promising Apprentice – Glass & Glazing
2. Most Promising Apprentice – Architectural Aluminium Joinery
3. Apprentice of the Year – Glass & Glazing – Allan Sage Memorial Award
4. Apprentice of the Year – Architectural Aluminium Joinery

If you have any questions about the Apprentice awards please contact Ben Hilder at BCITO - Ben.Hilder@bcito.org.nz

Architectural Aluminium Joinery qualification

BCITO will be kicking off a review of the AAJ qualifications later this year. We'll give you more information once the timelines are locked in. Please contact Ben Hilder if you would like to participate in the working group.

External Condensation on windows

Not something I expect is causing anybody any problems at present, but we've added a new [page](#) to our website that explains what is causing external condensation on windows. Please let me know what you think.

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Technical Update

In case you missed Rob's newsletter I've repeated some of his update below:

How should windows be sanitised when they are delivered to site?

As you may or may not know, the Covid 19 virus can survive on aluminium surfaces for 3-4 hours and for 3-4 days on glass. So how should windows being delivered to site be treated to minimise the risk of transfer? The consensus from our surface finishers is to avoid alcohol based cleaners/sterilisers and instead a simple wash down using warm soapy water.

NZS4211

The draft of our proposed revision to NZS4211 has been delivered to MBIE for evaluation prior to setting up the Standards NZ working group, which will discuss the changes, ours and their own thoughts, and finalise this very important document. The window committee and other parties continue to work through some of the finer details in preparation for the working group meetings. Unfortunately time frames are unknown at this stage...

Other Standards Changing

There is an array of other Standards being reviewed at present and some will have an affect on what we do everyday. We're working hard on these:

AS/NZS4420.1:2016 - Windows, external glazed, timber and composite doors - Methods of test.

NZS3604:2011 - Timber framed buildings.

AS/NZS1170.2:2011 - Structural design actions - Wind actions.

AS/NZS2208:1996 - Safety glazing materials in buildings.

Window Installation

Have advanced into the creation of a series of typical installation details. The intent is to develop a full set of details for the installation of windows, doors, sliders and stackers into four standard cladding types (52 details). Initial thermal modelling has delivered some great results and we're excited to be moving forward. We will look to more complete thermal modelling and E2/VM1 testing before releasing the details and chasing MBIE for implementation as a new AS?

Guide to Glazed Barriers

The draft of the WGANZ Guide to Barriers (a revision of the MBIE Document from 2012) has been put together and sent out for comment. The completed draft will be 1) sent to MBIE for consideration as an update to their Guide and

2) published to you all.

Please feel forward this email to others (or let us know if we need to add anyone)

Ngā Mihi - Regards



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